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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, in the above-identified application, for which response is due on or before July 24, 2002.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees necessary for the continued pendency of the above-identified application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 52, 67, 88-94 and 99-100 without traverse or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 45. (Amended) A process for treating an eye, comprising:

topically applying an azalide antibiotic to an eye in an amount effective to treat or prevent infection in a tissue of the eye, wherein said topically applying comprises supplying a

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